

DEMAND FOR ALL

No Mighty Result Achieved Without the Crowning Sacrifice of the Blood.

It is true even upon the lowest plane that without shedding of blood there is nothing, no mighty result, no achievement, no triumph. Every worthy deed costs something; no high thing can be done easily. No great thing can be accomplished without the shedding of blood. Life is just our chance of making this world a strange discovery. Many of us never make it. We begin by trifling, by working with a fraction of our strength. We soon see that nothing comes of that. At last, if we are wise, we see that all the strength is needed. What have we beside this? We must disrobe ourselves. We do it; yet our object remains unaltered. What more have we to give? We have our blood. So at last the blood is shed, the life is parted with, and the goal is reached. We are happy if we know that everything noble and enduring in this world is accomplished by the shedding of blood, not merely the concentration of the heart and soul and mind on one object, but the giving and even the maiming of life. Young men are being taught this lesson now, and unless all signs are false they will be taught it more sternly in the future.

Without shedding of blood there is no remission. There has been from the beginning a profound and solemn witness in the human heart to this. Many of the primitive religious ideas are God's deep preparation of the mind and heart of man for the grand gospel of Christianity, the substitution of the Lord Jesus Christ for guilty sinners. This witness is embedded in our language. What is meant by the word "bless"? It is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for blood. We may legitimately translate this by saying that before we can truly bless another human being we must shed our blood for him. You can lighten a brother's way by cups of cold water, by small gifts, by smiles, by friendly words, and these things are great in the eyes of Christ. But to bless in the superlative degree we must part with life.

Doctrine of Atonement.
So the Eternal Son shed as it were great drops of blood in Gethsemane, and offered himself immaculate to God on the cross. We can never render the doctrine of the atonement in terms of human self-sacrifice and self-render. But the human analogies help us, and, indeed, the doctrine of the atonement without them would be a mere blank for our grasp. So I seem to see how it is that the simple receive and understand the plainest preaching of the glorious truth of propitiation, and leap to it, while those whose minds are overlaid with speculation and what is called culture find it difficult. Alas! we often see theologians, even evangelical theologians, using infinite evasions and subtleties to disencumber themselves of the one weapon without which the evangelist can do nothing at all. But we know that Christ's appearing would have had no purpose and no effect to the end, if he had not stayed long enough with us to shed his blood in Gethsemane and Calvary. To know what our redemption cost him we must, with the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews, look at Gethsemane as well as Calvary, and even then we do not know.

Most Intense of Prayers.
But we do know something. We see him in his extremity when he began fully to understand the bitterness of his cup. We hear him pray his prayer with strong crying and tears. "If it be possible to let this cup pass from me." That transept call! There is no prayer like that, no prayer ever uttered with such intensity. The prayer that is lifted when it seems just possible that the cup may pass, and that the pleading may decide it, is in itself a shedding of blood. We realize the dim witness who heard afar the broken meaning, the long sobs, who witnessed the hard-won victory which seemed a defeat, who could not watch with him one hour. We know what the strain must have been when there came to his succor the all-pitying, but undimmed angel. If it had not been that God made his minister a flame of fire in that darkness, could Christ have conquered? The cup was not taken away, but the prayer was answered, for his lips were made brave to drink it. Perhaps they are right who say that Gethsemane was the crowning point of our Redeemer's sufferings, though it was on Calvary that he finished his work. I do not know. He quivered for a moment on Calvary, too.—Rev. W. Robertson Nicoll.

Commodore McDonough.
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Bungalow as a Prison.
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The colored papers that take first rank in typographical cleanliness and mechanical accuracy are the Amsterdam News, Richmond Planet, Kansas City Sun, and New York Age.

It is with no small degree of appreciation that I review the merits and demerits of these journals and journalists, who are struggling as I am; for to publish a Negro journal at this period means sacrifice at every stopover. I see written in great red headlines at the head of the meager effort in the way of a Negro journal these words, "Self Sacrifice."

Our readers are more sensitive to literary abuse in a race paper than they are to the big dailies. I often have a man come into my office to complain about a slip of matter upside down in the last issue of an article that was backed up the wrong way. Now, if he, perhaps, knew that my day had been 36 hours instead of eight in comparison with his, instead of criticizing he would step in and offer to pay his subscription with the hope that his mite might help a little in relieving the situation. For whenever you see faults standing out conspicuously in Negro papers there is but one conclusion to come to, and that is that finance is oh, so short.

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